



# Air Resources Board



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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF AB 118  
AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AQIP) GUIDELINES

The Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss development of the Air Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) guidelines as pursuant to AB 118 (Statutes of 2007), the California Alternative and Renewable Fuel, Vehicle Technology, Clean Air, and Carbon Reduction Act of 2007. This workshop will be held at the following times and locations:

DATE: Wednesday, November 5, 2008  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
PLACE: South Coast Air Quality Management District  
Conference Room CC-06  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, California 91765

DATE: Thursday, November 6, 2008  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building  
Sierra Hearing Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814  
(workshop will be webcast)

AB 118 provides about \$50 million annually through 2015 for the AQIP to fund a variety of air quality incentive projects, including low-emission vehicles and equipment projects, air quality research, and advanced energy technology workforce training. ARB is developing proposed AQIP Guidelines and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 AQIP Funding Plan to be considered by the Board in Spring 2009. The AQIP Guidelines will be regulations that cover program administration and implementation, while the Funding Plan describes FY 2009-10 source category funding targets, solicitation mechanisms and other program criteria.

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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This workshop provides an opportunity for stakeholder input regarding development of an efficient and effective AQIP that complements California's other existing incentive programs and maximizes air quality benefits. A week prior to the workshop, ARB will post a discussion document on its webpage ( [www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm) ) with staff's preliminary ideas regarding the following concepts:

- Initial regulatory concepts for AQIP administration, development, and implementation.
- Draft FY 2009-10 eligible source categories and funding targets.
- Draft AQIP project solicitation and funding mechanisms.

This is the third of four planned sets of workshops to be held during AQIP Guideline development. The fourth set of AQIP workshops will be held in Sacramento and the San Joaquin Valley.

ARB will also hold a workshop regarding development of a heavy-duty vehicle air quality loan program on the afternoon of the November 6, 2008. The loan program would utilize FY 2008-09 AQIP funds to help on-road heavy-duty vehicle fleet owners comply with two proposed ARB heavy-duty vehicle regulations scheduled for Board consideration in December 2008. For more information regarding this loan program workshop, visit [www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm) .

For those unable to attend in person, the November 6, 2008 workshop in Sacramento will also be webcast. On the day of the workshop, the broadcast can be accessed at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/> . Information on submitting questions or comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants. Staff's presentation will be posted in advance of the workshop on ARB's web site at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/aqip.htm> .

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance, or contact the ADA Coordinator, at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm> or contact the Bilingual Coordinator, at (916) 323-7053. We welcome your participation.

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If you have questions regarding the workshop or the Air Quality Guideline development, please contact Mr. Joe Calavita, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 445-4586 or [icalavit@arb.ca.gov](mailto:icalavit@arb.ca.gov) .

Sincerely,

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